

## What do we mean by 'Employability'?

- ▶ **Employability** refers to your ability to gain and maintain employment (a job).
- ▶ It is about having a set of skills, knowledge, and personal qualities, which suggest that you would be successful in a chosen job role.
- ▶ You don't always need to have previous experience working in a certain job to gain employment. A lot of the time, an employer can judge your employability from the skills and qualities you have gained whilst taking part in school activities and extra-curricular activities. So, all those after school clubs and hobbies you participate in, really help towards building your own employability!

**Task:** Write 'how' and 'where' you have developed the skills below?

**Time management:** Effectively planning time to complete tasks to deadlines.



*E.g. Every day after school I go to either dance or netball; so, I plan and organise my time to complete homework before I go, make sure I have time to eat, get ready and travel to the leisure centre in time for the session to start.*

**Teamwork:** Working together with others to achieve a goal.



**Reliability:** Being someone who others can 'count on' and trust.



## Why is it important to have a variety of different skills?

- ▶ When an employer is looking for a new member of staff, it is important they find someone who can carry out their job role efficiently, but also someone who can positively add skills to the team.
- ▶ It is important to know where you 'fit' into a team and what your role is, but there will be times when you may need to help with other responsibilities too. The more skills you have the greater your employability is!

## What jobs suit you and your skills?

- ▶ There are LOADS of jobs out there that you can do with the skills you have just demonstrated in this task! To find out more you can use websites that will help identify some potential jobs that suit you. Here are just some you can look at;
- ▶ <https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/get-started.htm>
- ▶ <https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-help-applying-for-jobs/school/job-quiz>
- ▶ <https://barclayslifeskills.com/i-want-to-choose-my-next-step/school>
- ▶ <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/planner>

## Put your skills into action!

**Task:** You are part of a small team, who have been asked to work together to complete a project. Using several of your skills, YOU will act as ALL 4 PEOPLE.

- ▶ Design the new “must have” Easter Egg. It is your choice whether the Egg is something edible, something useful or made for the purpose of a toy.
- ▶ Here are the 4 different people (job roles) involved in this project:

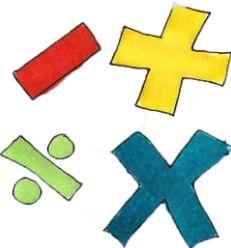
**The Creative**  
Designs the product.



**The Maker**  
Builds the product.



**The Mathematician**  
Costing for the product.



**The Communicator**  
Sells the product.



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Time to get creative! This is a crucial role within this project, so in the box below draw and label your Egg design. Use colour if you can to make your idea stand out!



In this box, explain what materials you will use, all it's features and any functions. For example, if there are any bits that move or come apart, describe how and why?



Numbers at the ready! It's important to consider all the costs that go into this product so that your team does not lose money when they start to sell. In the box below, write how much you expect this product to cost to make, what you would sell it for, then how much profit you would make.



Time to sell, sell, sell! You now have the important role of communicating your product to the public to start making some money! In the box below, either write a persuasive pitch for a radio advert, draw a TV advert storyboard/comic strip, a social media post or design a poster, that will grab people's attention and convince them that they 'must have' your product!

**BREAKING**

**NEWS**

**FUTURE U WILL BE GIVING A PRIZE TO THE BEST SUBMISSION (PRIZE TO BE CONFIRMED). SO, MAKE SURE YOU RETURN YOUR ENTRY TO SCHOOL WHEN IT REOPENS TO BE IN FOR A CHANCE TO **WIN!!!** GOOD LUCK!!**